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To obtain adequate personnel for OSS to meet commitments for JANIS material.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

1. JANIS studies are primarily topographic in nature and as such are the responsibility of geographic subdivisions in the Research and Analysis Branch. Skilled transportation, communication, urban, industrial location and resource personnel are needed to perform the research.

2. Studies are required now on the basis of one a month. At present the Far Eastern Division has about thirteen people assigned. In Europe-Africa Division, about twenty-one were assigned for six weeks' preparation period. At present not all best qualified Far Eastern people are able to work on JANIS, whereas, best qualified personnel in Europe-Africa worked on JANIS, and other jobs were of minor importance.

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4. Far Eastern and other OSS personnel are melting away to outposts, so that relatively fewer trained workers are available in the Branch to meet operational topographic intelligence commitments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assign more personnel, particularly trained topographic specialists to Far Eastern Division, or,

2. Re-create a Geography Division to handle JANIS commitments on high world-wide priority basis.

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